

ABSTRACT

A variety of different tuners can be used in a media center or other video component using a microcontroller to address each one. In one embodiment the invention includes a tuner to receive modulated video signals, the tuner having an
5 external control interface to receive commands in a first protocol from an external agent, and a microcontroller to receive external tuner commands in a second protocol, to convert the external commands from the second protocol to the first protocol, and to transmit the converted external commands to the tuner.